

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1095

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Carolyn Chism Hardy, Fourth Annual Living Legend Awards honoree.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize those estimable individuals who have dedicated their time and energies toward enhancing the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Carolyn Chism Hardy, who is being honored at the Fourth Annual Living Legend Awards in recognition of the leadership and service she has provided to the people of Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, described as an "amazing leader" and "serial entrepreneur," Carolyn Hardy, while managing a 400-employee corporate brewing plant in Memphis, inspired her team to strive for and eventually win the company's prestigious Environmental Health and Safety Award in the plant's last year of operation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hardy subsequently bought the plant and founded Hardy Bottling Company at the site; she nurtured and grew Hardy Bottling into a major business concern with more than 200 employees and more than \$10 million in annual sales before selling the company in 2011 for \$30 million; and

WHEREAS, since 2011, Carolyn Hardy's family of companies has revitalized Memphis's Hickory Hill community by providing steady employment for its residents; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hardy took advantage of the Bluff City's proximity to thirteen million acres of six major crops in founding Henderson Worldwide Investments, a transloading company that has contracted with the major grain companies to source grains from the quad-state region into Memphis; and

WHEREAS, she is currently involved in the development of HTWO, a metabolic drink of molecular hydrogen water, which is designed to enhance and protect the body and mind; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her service as the current chair of the Federal Reserve-Memphis Branch, Ms. Hardy is actively involved with the New Memphis Institute, Greater Memphis Chamber of Commerce, Soulsville/Stax Foundation, University of Memphis, Methodist LeBonheur Hospital Systems, Philanthropic Black Women of Memphis, Mayor Action Committee, and Crews Venture Lab; and

WHEREAS, she is also the founder of Southwest Tennessee Community College's Industrial Readiness Training program, which supports Memphis manufacturing companies; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Hardy holds both a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master of Business Administration in Accounting and Business/Management from the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Carolyn Chism Hardy has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity; her commitment to excellence and community service is representative of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Carolyn Chism Hardy upon her recognition at the Fourth Annual Living Legend Awards, applaud her outstanding community leadership, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend our best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.